

to the bill now.

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, I still support the bill even though we have got this amendment on it. I had some reservations but I do feel as a rural senator and realizing that I am going to help pay that tax, I am now paying to Lincoln and I am paying quite a bit to Lincoln because I do a lot of my business here living close to Lincoln so I am paying quite a bit of it to Lincoln, and I see the advantage that they have, especially in human services. Human services is so important in my book and I feel we have to recognize that, that it is going to be up to many of these cities, especially the larger ones, to get more involved in human services and that is why I feel that I can accept this amendment because it is going to help in that area, and I hope each and every one of you recognize that. I have a lot of feeling about 890. I think it is a voice of the people and the voice of the people are going to speak when they want this. And I can say this for a city within my own district, Seward, had it on the ballot a year ago. The Chamber of Commerce and the citizens fought the bill, fought the amendments to increase the sales tax and it died, and that is the way it should be. The debate has to be within that city, and if the citizens of that city feel that they have to have a project and there is a need for it, I think they should have that voice and that authority to do that, and that is basically the reason I am supporting the bill. Thank you. I move that it advance.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. Senator Nelson, do you wish to speak on the bill?

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to support the bill. One thing that does bother me. I somewhat hear here today, well, Omaha got it, Lincoln got it, now let's vote for us and so on. That is fine but I don't want to see any conflict between outstate and Omaha and Lincoln. I intend to support them when I think it is justified and I ask them to support outstate when it is justified. Let's forget urban and rural or so on and so forth here. But our cities also need this, and when it is for a specific project, in my own area we have \$5.5 million to come up for matching money on an underpass and this would allow them to put the sales tax on and maybe save a considerable amount of money in what would be interest in bonding and I just ask the body to support it. I do know